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Title: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION	)	
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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

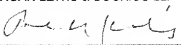
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Sir:

This supplemental response to the applicant's response of May 27, 2009 is being filed as a follow-up to telephone discussion with the Examiner on August 7, 2009 regarding Sinha et al. U.S. Patent 7,247,720. At the time, the Examiner asked if the prior art status of Sinha et al. U.S. 7,247,720 with respect to the present case was the same as that of Sinha et al. U.S. 7,501,505 as set out in the applicant's May 27, 2009 response. Applicant confirms that, as is the case with U.S. 7,501,505, the subject matter of Sinha et al. U.S. 7,247,720 and the presently claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person, namely, Avecla Investments Limited as outlined in applicant's response of May 27, 2009. The applicant, therefore, submits that 7,247,720 is not citable as prior art against the applicant.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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